

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

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27. (new) A device for producing blanks from a product web, the device comprising:

rotary cutting means;
means, disposed downstream of said rotary cutting means,
for sorting and stacking the blanks;
means, disposed between said cutting means and said
sorting and stacking means, for determining faulty blanks
and for directly removing said faulty blanks prior to delivery
to said sorting and stacking means; and
waste means accepting the faulty blanks from said
determining and removing means.

28. (new) The device of claim 27, wherein a transfer system or a suction belt means is disposed downstream of said rotary cutting means.

29. (new) The device of claim 28, wherein the blanks are separated from a waste strip or a waste grid at said suction belt means.

30. (new) The device of claim 27, wherein waste is directly separated from the blanks immediately downstream of said cutting means for removal over a surface of a cutting cylinder.

31. (new) The device of claim 27, wherein a waste grid is guided over a surface of a counter pressure cylinder, downwards into a suction funnel, thereby separating waste from the blanks.

32. (new) The device of claim 27, wherein said waste means comprise a chopper disposed downstream of said cutting means.
33. (new) The device of claim 28, wherein an arbitrary number of blanks is disposed on said suction belt means, said determining and removing means comprising an optical test device disposed above said suction belt means for detecting printing faults or missing blanks.
34. (new) The device of claim 28, further comprising a suction cup belt disposed downstream of said cutting means for receiving the blanks from said suction belt means.
35. (new) The device of claim 34, wherein said suction cup belt comprises individual suction cups.
36. (new) The device of claim 35, wherein said suction cups on said suction cup belt have same mutual separations as the blanks along the product web.
37. (new) The device of claim 35, wherein said suction cups on said suction cup belt have different mutual separations than the blanks along the product web.
38. (new) The device of claim 35, wherein said suction cups are disposed on said suction cup belt at variable separations.
39. (new) The device of claim 35, wherein said sorting and stacking means comprises at least one stacking means disposed downstream of said suction belt means.

40. (new) The device of claim 39, wherein said stacking means has a vacuum wheel, vacuum belts, and/or a delivery wheel.
41. (new) The device of claim 40, wherein said delivery wheel is a vacuum drum or a delivery star.
42. (new) The device of claim 40, wherein at least two delivery wheels are disposed next to each other on an axis, each delivery wheel having a different diameter.
43. (new) The device of claim 40, wherein delivery nests are disposed below said delivery wheel, onto which the blanks are disposed at different heights.
44. (new) The device of claim 43, wherein individual nest layers are pushed on top of each other to form a sorted stack by displacing said delivery nests against a lateral stop.
45. (new) The device of claim 27, wherein the product web is printed in a predetermined transverse and longitudinal order.
46. (new) The device of claim 27, wherein a pushing device pushes a sorted stack onto a transport belt.
47. (new) The device of claim 27, wherein faulty blanks are transferred to a suctioning means at a suction cup wheel.
48. (new) The device of claim 39, wherein, in dependence on a control of said suction cups, different blank rows are received and supplied

in rows to one of said stacking means where the blanks are disposed and mixed a defined manner.

49. (new) The device of claim 48, further comprising means for directly controlling each individual suction cup to permit distribution and mixing of individual blanks, received in rows, onto several stacking means.
50. (new) The device of claim 48, wherein a plurality of stacking means are consecutively disposed.
51. (new) The device of claim 27, further comprising a print mark control, wherein said rotary cutting means cut out the blanks in exact register with the product web.
52. (new) The device of claim 27, wherein the device is individually used as an offline machine or as an inline machine directly connected to other machines.